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TOBB head: We envision a Turkish firm among world's 100 greatest

Rifat Hisarcıkloğlu, the chairman of the Turkish Union of Chambers and Commodity Exchanges (TOBB) and the Foreign Economic Relations Board (DEİK), said on Tuesday his dream is to see a Turkish company among the world's 100 greatest.

Speaking at a meeting of the World Turkish Business Council European Region Committee at Turkish House in Berlin, Hisarcıkloğlu said: "It is my dream to see a Turkish firm among the top 100 companies in the world.

Where will this company come from? It will come from those of you sitting at this table. If you ask me to be with you 24/7 to reach this goal, I am ready for it. This is my duty."

Turkish companies must exchange ideas and develop joint projects, he said, adding they can achieve their goals one by one if they work together. "One of our shortcomings is that we do not have a business culture of working together. We will win if we act as a team. We need to assist one another," he asserted. Noting that around 120,000 Turkish businessmen employ some 600,000 people in EU countries, he said to tighten their grip on international markets and should maintain their confidence. "Turkey has come a long way, having benefited from numerous opportunities. Turkey's exports in 1980 were worth only \$3 billion. Today, our exports are \$130 billion. Turkey is the biggest industrial power between Italy and China. This is absolutely remarkable. Turkey now sells industrial goods. We have nothing less than the other economic powers," Hisarcıkloğlu said.

Hisarcıkloğlu will meet with other prominent Turkish businessmen at the Turkish-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry's (TATSO) new office in Berlin.

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